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# THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCANDINAVIAN STUDY

The *Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study* met at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, 1917. The sessions were held in Folwell Hall, Room 206.

## FIRST SESSION, FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2:00 P. M.

In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by the Vice-President of the Society, who introduced Professor Gisle Bothne of the University of Minnesota. Prof. Bothne delivered an address of welcome, calling attention to the significance of the Scandinavian element in this country, particularly in Minnesota, and emphasizing the importance of Scandinavian studies in the state mentioned.

The reading of papers was then begun:

1. Kierkegaard's *In Vino Veritas*. By Dr. L. M. Hollander of the University of Wisconsin. (15 minutes). This paper was discussed by Professors Julius E. Olson and Gisle Bothne.

2. *Vidga* in Scandinavian Hero Legend. By Dr. Henning Larsen of the University of Iowa. (20 minutes). This paper was discussed by Dr. L. M. Hollander and Professor Gisle Bothne.

3. The Hiatus between the Dramatic Poems and the Social Dramas in Ibsen's Authorship. By Professor Julius E. Olson of the University of Wisconsin. (20 minutes). Discussion by Dr. L. M. Hollander and Professor Gisle Bothne.

4. Björnson's *Maria Stuart i Skottland*. By Professor A. M. Sturtevant of the University of Kansas. (20 minutes). Discussion by Professors Julius E. Olson and Drs. Henning Larsen and L. M. Hollander.

Thereupon the chairman appointed the following committees: (1) To audit the treasurer's report, Dr. Henning Larsen and Miss Ebba M. Norman. (2) To nominate officers, Professors A. M. Sturtevant and Julius E. Olson and Miss Maren Michelet. (3) To present resolutions, Professors Joseph Alexis and A. Louis Elmquist.

The secretary reported that the membership of the Society is now 840.

There were forty-two present at this session.

At 6:00 o'clock the Society were entertained at a dinner at Shevlin Hall, which was attended by sixty-five persons.

At 8:15 o'clock a complimentary concert was given in the Engineering Auditorium by the Arpi Male Chorus and the Norwegian Glee Club. Swedish students of the University of Minnesota gave an exhibition of folk dancing. The concert was attended by an audience of three hundred.

## SECOND SESSION, SATURDAY, MAY 5, 9:00 A. M.

Reading and discussion of papers resumed:

5. Library Aid in the Study of the Scandinavian Languages. By Miss Emma Nilsson of the Minneapolis Public Library. (30 minutes). Discussion by Dr. L. M. Hollander, Miss Maren Michelet, Professor A. A. Stomberg, Mr. O. E. Abrahamson, Miss Elsie Barquist, Miss Ebba Norman, and Professor A. Louis Elmquist.

6. Report on a Questionnaire to Teachers of the Scandinavian Languages in the High Schools. By Miss Maren Michelet of the South High School, Minneapolis. Discussion by Professors Axel E. Vestling and J. Jørgen Thompson, Drs. L. M. Hollander and Henning Larsen, Professors A. A. Stomberg, A. Louis Elmquist, and Joseph Alexis, Mr. Victor L. Erickson, Professor Julius E. Olson, Miss Dikka Reque, Miss Inga M. Bredesen and Professor G. R. Vowles.

The report of the Educational Secretary was adopted.

The report of the Editor, who was absent from the meeting, is herewith printed. (It may be said that through neglect of the desk clerk at the hotel this report was not given to the addressee, and hence not read).

*To the members of the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study:*

As I am obliged to be absent from the annual meeting this year, more to my regret than I can express, I shall have to defer the somewhat detailed report of the past six year's work and plans for the future that I had hoped to submit. One or two matters, however, I feel I must communicate. Last year, at the meeting at the University of Wisconsin, the Executive Council authorized the editors to canvass opinions with reference to change of name of the journal. Ten titles were suggested, several of them with one vote only. The title "Scandinavian Studies" was decidedly most in favor. This title, it was thought, is appropriate and it is clear and short; also it is to be noted that it would retain two words out of the name of the Society and out of the former title of the publications, substituting the plural for the singular and abstract. As the Notes have in the past been a rather prominent feature of the Publications and one that has found much favor the editor suggested, finally, the following title: "SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES and Notes," the words "and Notes" to stand in somewhat smaller type under the main title, as on the current number. The Editor, the Associate Editor, with the President and the Vice-president of the Society, then held a session at Chicago, Friday, Dec., 28, during the meeting of the Central Division of the Modern Language Association, and I proposed the above title, which was unanimously accepted.

I may also add now that with the current number we start out as a quarterly, the smaller number to be the summer issue, and for the whole year approximately 320 pages, as was urged at last year's meeting. Finally attention is called to the PEDAGOGICAL SECTION, Bulletin I, beginning in this issue. I wish to ask the Society if this title is satisfactory. As to the size of the Bulletin various suggestions have been made to us, ranging from 8 pages in each issue to 24 or more pages in each. The present plan of the Editor contemplates about 16 pages for each number, if suitable material can be gotten; that would be about, say 70 pages during the year. Is this satisfactory? Is it enough to suit those most concerned? Or should we aim to get up about 20 pages of material for each number? Will the meeting please express its wishes.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE T. FLOM

The report of the Auditing Committee was presented and accepted with the Secretary-Treasurer's report.

The Committee on Nominations thereupon reported as follows:

For President, Professor A. A. Stomberg of the University of Minnesota.

For Vice-President, Dr. L. M. Hollander of the University of Wisconsin.

For Editor of Publications, Professor George T. Flom of the University of Illinois.

For Associate-Editor, Professor A. Louis Elmquist of Northwestern University.

For Secretary-Treasurer, Professor Joseph Alexis of the University of Nebraska.

For Educational Secretary, Miss Maren Michelet of the South High School, Minneapolis.

As District Secretaries:

1. Central District, Professor J. A. Holvik of Waldorf College (Forest City, Iowa).

2. Northern District, Professor G. R. Vowles of Fargo College (Fargo, N. D.).

3. Eastern District, Dr. Halldór Hermannsson of Cornell University.

4. Western District, Professor R. Bogstad of Columbia College (Everett, Wash.).

As members of the Advisory Committee for three years:

1. Professor Julius E. Olson of the University of Wisconsin.

2. Professor Gisle Bothne of the University of Minnesota.

These nominees were elected.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary-Treasurer's salary be \$300.

In the absence of the Editor of Publications, the Associate-Editor spoke briefly of the general plans for future work. It is intended that pedagogical matters shall be included in a special section in each number of the publications.

The Advisory Council was directed to take action regarding the disposition of pedagogical materials in the publication.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary-Treasurer be given authority, at his discretion, to drop from the roll such members as have not fulfilled their obligations to the Society for a space of two years.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following resolution: The Society wishes to express its gratitude to the Twin City Scandinavian Teachers' Association for the cordial welcome extended to the Society, to the Arpi Male Chorus, the Norwegian Glee Club, University of Minnesota students, and Mrs. C. E. Wallerstedt, for good entertainment, to the Odin Club for its hospitality, and to the University of Minnesota for the use of its buildings.

The resolution was adopted.

The following resolution was presented by Professor Chester N. Gould through Miss Maren Michelet: Whereas Almighty God has pleased to call Olaus Jensen Breda to rest, be it resolved by the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study assembled in annual convention at the scene of his labor while in this country that in his death we have lost one of the founders of Scandinavian study in America, and a man who was dear to us by reason of his

uprightness and the dignity of his manhood. Be it further directed that the secretary be instructed to spread these resolutions on our minutes and forward a copy to the surviving members of his family.

The resolution was adopted.

There were forty-one persons present at this session.

The Society adjourned at noon.

At 12:30 the Society was the guest at a dinner given by the Odin Club. The dinner was followed by a short program. Mr. R. A. Jacobson, Vice-President of the Odin Club, welcomed the Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Study and the Twin City Scandinavian Teachers' Association as guests of the Club. Mr. C. Arthur Carlson, serving in the capacity of toastmaster, called on the following for talks: Dr. L. M. Hollander, Prof. Axel E. Vestling, Prof. Joseph Alexis, Miss Ebba Norman, Prof. A. A. Stomberg, Prof. Julius E. Olson, Mr. E. Paul Wretling and Dr. Knut Hoegh.

There were thirty-one present at the dinner.

JOSEPH ALEXIS, *Secretary*.